



WEST PRECINCT REPORT

The following report includes the results of a series of meetings that were held across the West Precinct over the past several months as part of the Safe Communities Initiative. These meetings gave community members the chance to talk directly with police officers, City of Seattle employees, and each other about how to improve public safety in their neighborhoods. Here are the results of those conversations, which include descriptions of what we're doing at the West Precinct to meet the community's goals for public safety.

Low Level Crimes

What we heard	<p>SPD should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on distracted drivers • Develop a court appropriate for dealing with crimes associated with homeless or those with low access to services • Advocate to change the process for low level crimes • Develop a court appropriate to dealing with crimes associated with homeless or those with low access to services
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launching an anti-distraction campaign in June with Public Health as part of the Road Safety Action Plan. Be Super Safe will have distraction-specific messages, similar to "click it or ticket" (http://www.seattle.gov/besupersafe) • Committing to working with the community to address challenges downtown through the Center City Initiative (http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/centercity) • Working with Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion programs http://leadkingcounty.org/ • Collaborating with the existing Community Court (www.seattle.gov/communitycourt) • Requesting the Seattle City Attorney file "Failure to Respond" charges against the most prolific downtown offenders of "quality of life" violations who default on payment and route those with the inability to pay through Community Court
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to drive policy change through the Mayor's Center City Initiative • Seattle Police Department and Human Services Department, along with the Downtown Seattle Association, will engage more directly through intentional outreach to those individuals on the street in need of services

Drug activity and Associated Crime

What we heard	<p>SPD should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate the public on how to report suspicious activities • Create closer and friendlier relationships between SPD and community • Collaborate with universities to address underlying drug issues
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering with 2010 Stockholm Prize in Criminology, Dr. David Weisburd, and Dr. Christopher Koper, Dr. Cynthia Lum, Dr. Charlotte Gill of George Mason University's Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy, and Dr. Cody Telep new to the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University (http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/press/newsdetail.asp?id=13418) • Working with the Center City Initiative, which is in an ongoing partnership

	<p>with the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created “coffee chats” in the West Precinct as a result of Safe Communities Conversations (http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/west/captainlog.htm)
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a pilot technology education program through the Seattle Public Library to teach community members how to access and use Seattle Police Department’s data and website Focus on the next phase of hotspot policing in our COPS Office grant funded work to reduce juvenile crime and victimization at locations downtown where it is highly concentrated

Increased Visibility of SPD and Better Communications

What we heard	<p>There’s a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More police More police at community meetings, More human service provider staff, Education for the public on Seattle Police Department's legal limitations
What we’ve done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seattle Police Department is hiring 20 new officers (http://mayormcginns.seattle.gov/revenue-forecast-allows-us-to-hire-20-new-police-officers/) The Neighborhood Policing Plan (NPP 2.0) will be updated in 2013-2014 through an analysis of current patrol workload data, staffing analysis, and new deployment maps to determine the optimal number of police officers and how best to use those resources. Beginning work with George Mason University’s Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy to analyze what additional factors in effective “smart practice” policing should drive a city’s police funding decisions (the number of sworn officers) beyond the current 7/30/10 metric being used in NPP 1.0 Increased budget for outreach through the Center City Initiative http://mayormcginns.seattle.gov/investing-in-downtown-public-safety-through-the-center-city-initiative)
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to advocate for human services and public safety in the Mayor’s budget Continue to change the culture and increase positive public safety outcomes with the continued use of uncommitted patrol time through evidenced based policing tactics and frequent data analysis. For more information on this continuing shift, please go to: http://www.seattle.gov/spd/precincts/West/captainlog.htm Continue to provide information to the public on ongoing policy discussions on the Center City Initiative on Seattle Police Department’s legal limitations